

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 040623

46

ORIGIN IO-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

DRAFTED BY:IO:UNP:BFTEFFT

APPROVED BY:IO:TLYNCH

----- 102242

R 240400Z FEB 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 040623

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED FEBRUARY 20,  
1976 SENT COTONOU INFO ABIDJAN IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 040623

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EINV, PFOR, DM, US

SUBJECT: CHARGE'S MEETING WITH FORMIN ALLADAYE

REFS: (A) COTONOU 304; (B) COTONOU 303; (C) STATE 33068;  
(D) ABIDJAN 1568; (E) ABIDJAN 1531

1. DEPT PLEASED MOBIL REGIONAL DIRECTOR HAS MET MINFIN  
AMDUSSOU. REGARDING CHARGE'S MEETING WITH FORMIN ALLADAYE.  
WE AGREE THAT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE  
OF ALLADAYE SIGNIFIES PERMANENT SHIFT OF GPRB  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS US. WE BELIEVE THE TONE OF YOUR REPLY  
AS REPORTED REF (A) IS THE RIGHT ONE.

2. IN FURTHER CONTACTS WITH GPRB ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES,  
EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) DIPLOMATIC CONDUCT. AS DEPSEC INGERSOLL TOLD  
AMBASSADOR BOYA, USG EXPECTS GPRB'S ASSURANCE THAT IN  
FUTURE US DIPLOMATS WILL BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
USUAL DIPLOMATIC NORMS. DOUBTLESS THIS ASSURANCE WILL BE  
INCLUDED IN BOY'S REPLY TO DEPSEC.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 040623

B) COMPENSATION FOR MOBIL AND TEXACTO. DEPT HAS VERIFIED WITH US OFFICES MOBIL AND TEXACO THAT GPRB LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY THEIR ABIDJAN OFFICES. MOBIL DIRECTOR HAS ALREADY VISITED COTONOU, WHILE TEXACO REP FROM ABIDJAN PLANS VISIT BEFORE END OF MONTH. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE GPRB THAT PROMPT MOVEMENT TOWARDS MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WILL HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON HICKENLOOPER REVIEW AND US-BENIN RELATIONS GENERALLY.

C) DEMAND THAT EMBASSY EVACUATE CHANCERY COMPOUND. PER REF (C), DEPT POSITION IS THAT GPRB HAS OBLIGATION UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION TO FIND SUITABLE EQUIVALENT QUARTERS FOR US IF WE MUST MOVE OUT OF CHANCERY, AS WELL AS OBLIGATION TO PAY RELOCATION COSTS AND ANY DIFFERENCE IN RENT. WE EXPECT GPRB TO ASSIST IN FINDING NEW QUARTERS, AND TO GRANT US EXTENSION PAST DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 26, IF ACCEPTABLE QUARTERS CANNOT BE READY BY THAT DATE.

D) COTONOU BRIDGE-DAM. IF NECESSARY IN ORDER TO REMOVE ANY POSSIBLE MISCONCEPTION ON PART OF GPRB RE AID INTENTIONS, SUGGEST THAT YOU CONVEY TO GPRB OFFICIALS THAT AID CAN NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT MODIFICATIONS IN PROJECT DESIGN THAT WOULD RESULT IN INCOMPLETE PROJECT AS MEANS OF RESOLVING SHORTFALL IN FUNDING. PER REF (D), WHICH OUTLINES REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY REDSO FOR GUARANTEE OF SUFFICIENT FUNDING BY GPRB, IMPLICATION IS THAT BEST OPTION AVAILABLE TO GPRB IS URGENT PURSUIT OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL FINANCING FROM OTHER (NON-AIE) SOURCES. IF THIS MISCONCEPTION NOT EVIDENT ON PART OF GPRB OFFICIALS, SUGGEST THAT YOU FOLLOW REDSO RECOMMENDATION (REF E) TO AVOID ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION OF PROJECT PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH S AND T AND TEER. ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU NOT IMPLY THAT MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENT ALONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEE CONTINUATION OF BRIDGE PROJECT.

E) UN ISSUES: THERE ARE NO KEY UN ISSUES COMING UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH DEPT WOULD WISH EMBASSY TO USE AS A TEST CASE FOR BENIN'S PURPORTED CHANGE OF HEART ON CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 040623

UN ISSUES. SUGGEST YOU DO NOT IMPLY THAT WE SHALL BE SATISFIED MERELY BY PROMISES OF COOPERATION IN UN ON ISSUES OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE TO GPRB. SUGGEST ALSO THAT YOU NOT BE DRAWN INTO LONG DISCUSSION OF ATTITUDES IN UN. YOUR POINT IS GOOD ONE BUT IS BEST MADE BRIEFLY. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, MENTION IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION WITH ALLADAYE THAT WE HAVE NOTED THAT BENIN WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN MARCH. WE LTOK

FORWARD TO ILOSE COOPERATION WITH BENIN DURING MARCH JUST AS WE HAD WITH TANZANIA. THE LAST AFRICAN PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, IN JANUARY. YOU SHOULD ALSO THAT WE WILL BE TAKING ALLADAYE UP ON HIS OFFER OF CONSULTING EARLY AND IN DEPTH ON KEY UN ISSUES BOTH AT THE 31ST UNGA THIS FALL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WHERE BENIN IS REPRESENTED AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES ARISE.

3. FYI: WE ARE SURVEYING ENTIRE RANGE OF OPTIONS REGARDING OUR PRESENCE AND ASSISTANCE TO BENIN AND O NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY AT THIS TIME. COTONOU 306 HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING THIS REVIEW. END FYI. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEETING AGENDA, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETING REPORTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 24 FEB 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** saccheem  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE040623  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** IO:UNP:BFTEFFT  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760068-1131  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760219/aaaaapuq.tel  
**Line Count:** 128  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 COTONOU 304, 76 COTONOU 303, 76 STATE 33068  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** saccheem  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30 MAR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <30 MAR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <27 JUL 2004 by saccheem>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CHARGE'S MEETING WITH FORMIN ALLADAYE  
**TAGS:** EAID, EINV, PFOR, DM, US, (ALLADAYE), (AMOUSOU, ISIDORE)  
**To:** USUN NEW YORK  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006